

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the First Franklin Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of First Franklin Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (692) of these admissions reside in the First Franklin Representative District. 1.6% (11) of admissions from the First Franklin Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the First Franklin Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 73% were male and 27% were female.
- 54% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 89% were white non-Latino, 4% were black non-Latino, 5% were Latino, and 2% were other racial categories.
- 59% were never married, 14% were married, and 27% reported not to be married now.
- 25% had less than high school education, 45% completed high school, and 29% had more than high school education.
- 40% were employed.
- 10% were homeless.
- 32% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the First Franklin Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	62%	18%	12%	2%	2%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's) are individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002							
First Franklin Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	663	591	172	74	69	86	55
FY '96	573	510	161	100	72	70	53
FY '97	598	528	175	114	84	56	37
FY '98	760	666	243	125	89	92	63
FY '99	703	622	219	98	70	72	36
FY '00	823	696	241	124	67	134	74
FY '01	769	643	215	107	70	124	70
FY '02	692	560	199	113	62	143	95